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SUBJECT: CANADIAN REACTION TO MTN FRAMEWORK OF
UNDERSTANDING

1. SUMMARY. SIGNIFICANCE OF AGREEMENT ON FRAMEWORK
UNDERScoreD BY STATEMENT FROM DEPUTY PRIMIN IN
RELEASING TEXT. STATEMENT, HOWEVER, WAS MILDLY
DOWNBEAT IN TONE -- WITH NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF CURRENT
SITUATION FOR CANADA STRESSED BY MEDIA. CANADA CONTINUES
TO WORRY THAT ITS PARTICULAR CONCERNS WILL NOT BE
ADEQUATELY TREATED BY EC AND JAPAN AND THAT IT WILL BE
PRESSED TO CONCUR IN IMBALANCED AGREEMENT AT ELEVENTH
HOUR. END SUMMARY.

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2. STATEMENT FROM OFFICE OF DEPUTY PRIMIN MACEACHEN
ACCOMPANIED TEXT OF FRAMEWORK OF UNDERSTANDING WHEN
RELEASED HERE LATE JULY 13. STATEMENT, BASED ON THAT
BY MTN COORDINATOR WARREN MADE IN GENEVA, SAID REASONABLE
PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE. BUT IN STRAIGHT-FORWARD ACCOUNT
OF STATUS OF EACH MAJOR ISSUE, IT WAS CLEAR NONE HAVE
BEEN CONCLUDED TO CANADA'S SATISFACTION. GREATEST

EMPHASIS WAS LAID ON TARIFF AND AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. STATEMENT NOTED "SUBSTANTIAL" AGREEMENT WITH U.S. IS WITHIN SIGHT, BUT THAT IMPROVED OFFER FROM JAPAN IS NECESSARY WHILE EC OFFER HAS BEEN ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY WITHDRAWALS -- SOME OF WHICH WILL NEED TO BE RESTORED. ON AGRICULTURE, STATEMENT RECOUNTED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS AND RESTATED CANADIAN OBJECTIVES. SAFEGUARDS, SUBSIDIES/ COUNTERVAIL, PROCUREMENT AND GATT REFORM, WERE ALL REVIEWED AS AREAS WHERE BENEFICIAL AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE.

3. JULY 14 GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTED ON FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT IN ITS BUSINESS SECTION UNDER HEADLINES, "DISAGREEMENTS STILL PLAGUE MOVES TOWARD FREER TRADE", AND, "CANADA ACHIEVES VERY FEW OF ITS AIMS". FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT WAS DESCRIBED AS DOCUMENT REQUIRED "TO INDICATE PROGRESS IN BOGGED-DOWN TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS", BUT WHICH "MERELY CONFIRMED 1973 TOKYO DECLARATION". SEPARATE ARTICLE ANALYZED MACEACHEN STATEMENT WITH STRESS ON NEGATIVE ASPECTS. OTHER PAPERS AND TV GAVE SIMILAR EMPHASIS.

4. ON JULY 17, ECON COUNSELOR ASKED EXTAFF ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER MCPHAIL, WHO WAS MEMBER OF CANADIAN DELEGATION, ABOUT APPARENT NEGATIVE CAST TO CANADIAN REACTION. MCPHAIL ACKNOWLEDGED FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT AS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT BUT ALSO STRESSED THAT, FOR CANADA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THERE WAS LONG WAY TO GO BEFORE SATISFACTORY MTN OUTCOME WAS ASSURED. HE AGAIN EMPHASIZED CANADA'S DISAPPOINTMENT WITH STATE OF TARIFF OFFERS FROM JAPAN AND EC AND SAID HE THOUGHT TONE OF MACEACHEN STATEMENT AND CANADIAN REACTION WAS TRUE REFLECTION OF WHERE NEGOTIATIONS STOOD FROM CANADIAN PERSPECTIVE. NONETHELESS, HE IMPLIED NO DISILLUSIONMENT WITH MTN -- ONLY THAT MUCH REMAINED TO BE DONE. ENDERS

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